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Proposed Bill No. 5631

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING STATE SPENDING ON COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That: (1) Chapter 319v of the general statutes be amended to require
2 the Department of Social Services to establish rates for community
3 mental health services covered as optional Medicaid state plan
4 rehabilitation services utilizing a cost-based methodology which
5 provides for annual cost of living increases; and (2) chapter 319i of the
6 general statutes be amended to provide that the Department of Mental
7 Health and Addiction Services shall receive appropriations for
8 community mental health services for the fiscal year ending June 30,
9 2008, and each subsequent fiscal year thereafter, at the same level
10 appropriated for such services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007,
11 adjusted annually for increases in the cost of living. Such funds shall
12 be used to: (A) Provide services to people who are not Medicaid
13 eligible, (B) provide non medical and other services not covered by
14 Medicaid, (C) protect the capacity of providers from the costs
15 associated with the transition to the Medicaid rehabilitation option,
16 and (D) utilize any remaining funds to expand young adult services,

17 supportive housing and intensive services to prevent
18 institutionalization. The Commissioner of Mental Health and
19 Addiction Services shall report not later than November 1, 2007, and
20 annually thereafter, to the joint standing committee having cognizance
21 of matters relating to public health and the Community Mental Health
22 Strategy Board regarding its plan for the use of such funds.

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure that the implementation of community mental health services under the state Medicaid plan is operated in a manner which enhances and promotes the state's community mental health system.